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Re: Docket No. 070393-EI

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Dear Ms. Cole:

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Enclosed for filing in the above referenced docket on behalf of Progress Energy Florida, Inc. ("PEF") and Tampa Electric Company ("Tampa Electric") are the following documents:

Original and fifteen copies of the Prehearing Statement; and 1. 07515-07 Original and one copy of the Notice of Service of Responses to Staff's First Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 1-15). 07516-07 CMP COM : Please acknowledge receipt of these documents by stamping the extra copy of this letter "filed' and returning the copy to me. Thank you for your assistance with this filing. ECR Sincerely, **OPC** RCA \_\_\_\_ KAH/rl Enclosures Martha Carter Brown, Esq.

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#### BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for Determination of Need	)	Docket No. 070393-EI
for Lake Agnes -Gifford 230 K Transmission	)	
Line, by Progress Energy Florida and Tampa	)	Filed: August 23, 2007
Electric Company.	)	
	)	

## PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA AND TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-07-0586-PCO-EI issued July 17, 2007, Progress Energy Florida (PEF") and Tampa Electric Company ("Tampa Electric") hereby file their prehearing statement.

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A. WITNESSES	ON BEHALF OF	ISSUES
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### B. EXHIBITS

Sponsoring Witness	Description of Exhibit			
None	Notices of Final Hearing and Affidavits of Publication			
Tillis/Szelistowski	Exhibit BT/TJS-1:	PEF's Historic and Forecasted Peak Demand		
	Exhibit BT/TJS-2:	Tampa Electric's Historic and Forecasted		
		Peak Demand		
	Exhibit BT/TJS-3:	Project Area Transmission System Map		
	Exhibit BT/TJS-4:	NERC Reliability Standards		
	Exhibit BT/TJS-5:	FRCC's Transmission Planning Process		
	Exhibit BT/TJS-6:	FRCC Florida Central Coordinated Re-		
		Study Report: Executive Summary		
	Exhibit BT/TJS-7:	FCCS Study/FCCS Re-Study Recommended		
		Series of Projects		
	Exhibit BT/TJS-8:	Excerpts from Commission's December		
		2006 Review of 2006 Review of 2006 Ten		
		Year Site Plans for Electric Utilities		
	Exhibit BT/TJS-9:	FRCC Load and Resource Plan		
	Exhibit BT/TJS 10:	Summary Table of Load Flow Results		

PEF and Tampa Electric also reserve the right to introduce exhibits for cross-examination, impeachment, or for any other purposes authorized by the applicable Florida Rules of Evidence and rules or orders of this Commission.

#### C. STATEMENT OF BASIC POSITION

PEF and Tampa Electric's proposal to build a new 230kV transmission line extending from Tampa Electric's Lake Agnes Substation in Polk County to PEF's planned Gifford Substation in Orange County (the "Project") scheduled to be in service by June 2011 should be approved.

The Project is the most cost-effective alternative available, taking into account the demand for electricity, the need for electric system reliability and integrity, and the need for abundant, low-cost electrical energy to assure the economic well-being of the citizens of this state. Further, the Project meets the need to provide additional transmission capability to the existing 230kV transmission network between Lake Agnes and Gifford Substations in a reliable manner consistent with North American Electric Reliability Corporation ("NERC"), Florida Reliability Coordinating Council ("FRCC") and other applicable standards, as well as the need to serve the increasing load and customer base in the Polk County and Greater Metro-Orlando area (the "Project Service Area"). In developing the need for the Lake Agnes-Gifford Project, regional assessment studies known as the Florida Central Coordinated Study ("FCCS") and the subsequent FCCS Re-Study were conducted by the FRCC. These studies show transmission limitations on the existing 230kV transmission network between the Polk County and the greater Orlando area due to projected load growth in the 2008-2011 time frame.

The original FCCS Report issued in May 2006 and the FCCS Re-Study issued in August 2006 recommended the construction of specific new transmission lines for completion by the summers of 2008 and 2011.

The FRCC's analyses and evaluations of potential transmission improvements and alternatives in the Central Florida area as reflected in the FCCS Re-Study justifiably determined

that the Lake Agnes-Gifford Project is the most cost-effective and efficient means to both increase the capability of the existing 230kV network and serve the increasing load and customer base in the Central Florida region. There have been no changes in conditions since the issuance of the FCCS Re-Study which affect the need for the Project. For these reasons, PEF and Tampa Electric's Petition for Determination of Need for the Lake Agnes-Gifford 230kV transmission line should be approved.

#### D. ISSUES

Is there a need for Progress Energy Florida and Tampa Electric Company's proposed Lake Agnes-Gifford 230kV electrical transmission line project, given the need for electric system reliability and integrity, as prescribed in Section 403.537, Florida Statutes?

### PEF and Tampa Electric's Position:

Yes. PEF and Tampa Electric's Petition, testimony and exhibits demonstrate the need for a 230kV line by June 2011 to: (a) serve the increasing load and customer base in the Project Service Area; and (b) provide additional reinforcement to the existing 230kV transmission networks in Polk County and Orange County in a reliable manner consistent with NERC, FRCC and other applicable transmission system standards.

Issue 2: Is there a need for Progress Energy Florida and Tampa Electric Company's proposed Lake Agnes-Gifford 230kV electrical transmission line project, given the need for abundant, low cost electrical energy to assure the economic well-being of the citizens of the State, as prescribed in Section 403.537, Florida Statutes?

### **PEF and Tampa Electric's Position:**

Yes. See PEF and Tampa Electric's Position on Issue 1.

Are Tampa Electric's existing Lake Agnes Substation in Polk County and PEF's planned Gifford Substation in Orange County the appropriate starting and ending points of the proposed Lake Agnes-Gifford 230kV electrical transmission line project, as prescribed in Section 403.537, Florida Statutes?

#### PEF and Tampa Electric's Position:

Yes. The analysis in the joint prefiled testimony of Brantley Tillis and Thomas J. Szelistowski demonstrates that the appropriate starting and ending points are the existing Lake Agnes Substation and the planned Gifford Substation, respectively. The Transmission Line Siting Board will make the final determination concerning the length and route of the Lake Agnes-Gifford transmission line.

Issue 4: Should the Commission grant Progress Energy Florida and Tampa Electric Company's Petition for determination of need for the proposed Lake Agnes-Gifford 230kV electrical transmission line project?

#### PEF and Tampa Electric's Position:

Yes. The Commission should grant PEF and Tampa Electric's Petition and determine that there is a need for a 230kV transmission line connecting the Lake Agnes and proposed Gifford Substations. The Transmission Line Siting Board will make the final determination concerning the length and route of the Lake Agnes-Gifford transmission line.

#### E. STIPULATED ISSUES

None at this time.

# F. ALL PENDING MOTION S OR OTHER MATTERS TAMPA ELECTRIC SEEKS ACTION UPON

None.

## G. PENDING REQUESTS FOR CLAIMS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

On August 1, 2007, pursuant to Rule 25-22.006(4), Florida Administrative Code, PEF and Tampa Electric filed a request for Confidential Classification of information and materials provided in Exhibit BT/TJS-10 to the joint prefiled direct testimony of Brantley Tillis and Thomas J. Szelistowski. This Exhibit contains confidential Load Flow Summary Tables which summarize the results of the load flow analysis and diagrams the support the Petition and have been made available for review and inspection. PEF and Tampa Electric do not plan to introduce

such claimed confidential information and documents into the record of the final hearing if Staff has reviewed said information and has returned such information to PEF and Tampa Electric prior to the final hearing. If Staff has reviewed these materials and has returned them to PEF and Tampa Electric prior to the final hearing, then PEF and Tampa Electric will not need to introduce such claimed confidential information into the record at the final hearing, and this request for confidential classification may be deemed moot.

# H. ANY REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THIS ORDER THAT CANNOT BE COMPLIED WITH, AND THE REASONS THEREFOR

There are no requirements set forth in Order No. PSC-07-0586-PCO-EI (Order Establishing Procedure) with which PEF and Tampa Electric cannot comply.

### I. OBJECTIONS TO A WITNESS' QUALIFICATIONS AS AN EXPERT

None.

Respectfully submitted this 23rd day of August, 2007.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing was furnished by Hand Delivery to the following this 23rd day of August, 2007:

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